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Prescription Drug Program

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Dear Interested Party,

As a result of the P&T Committee's June 16, 2004 clarification of its earlier recommendation on the estrogen drug class, and an agency staff reevaluation of the supplemental bids received at the time of the committee's original decision, the agency directors have added Menest, and PremPro to the Washington State Preferred Drug List (PDL), in addition to estradiol oral/vaginal cream.

This decision will be effective for DSHS Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) and the Health Care Authority's Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) on August 1, 2004. (The Department of Labor & Industries was not involved in this decision as they do not cover this class of drugs.) These drugs will not be subject to MAA prior authorization, and will be preferred for UMP with no restrictions.

The September P&T Committee meeting will take place at the SeaTac Radisson Hotel, 9 am – 4 pm. Please visit www.rx.wa.gov for additional information as it becomes available, or contact Erika Clayton, Program Coordinator at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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